

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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NEVERTHELESS THE FOUNDATION OF GOD STANDETH SURE, HAVING THIS SEAL, THE LORD KNOWETH THEM THAT ARE HIS.

NECESSITY OF REPENTANCE

Are you lost, or do you not know it? "There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14:12.

It was commended by God and preached by His holy prophets of old. "Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations." Ezek. 14:6.

Likewise John the Baptist, the forerunner of our Lord, opened his wonderful ministry by calling men to repentance. Matt. 3:1, 2 says, "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matt. 4:17 tells us, "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." And St. Mark tells us in the 1st chapter and 15th verse "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand: Repent ye, and believe the gospel."

Jesus also said in St. Luke 5:32 "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." In Luke 13:5 He said "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Paul preaching at Athens, tells them that God commanded all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30. True repentance means that we have an honest desire to quit all sin and turn to God and obey Him forever.

Paul says we must then confess our sins to God Himself and when we do that, God promises to forgive us our sins and cleanse us in the blood of His Son, Jesus. In talking to Nicodemus, Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. Repentance expresses that mighty change in mind, heart and life wrought by the Spirit of God. It means a change of purpose, view and feelings. And everyone of us shall give account of ourselves to God. Rom. 14:12.

Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Rom. 14:11, 12 says, "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23. But you must come God's way for in John 10:1 we find, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. And in the 9th verse He says, 'I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.' He said that He was the good shepherd and gave His life for the sheep."

Dear reader, the last message our blessed Lord gave before His ascension was, that repentance and remission of sins be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:47. And in that city the Holy Spirit fell upon the disciples and endued them with power from on high to preach this great message of repentance and remission of sins.

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:6, 7. When you seek God in His way, He has obligated Himself to meet you and upon the authority of His precious Word, He will do it. Give God a chance at your life; give Him your heart, for the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open unto their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 1 Peter 3:12.

The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is per-

LIVE CHURCH IN STATESVILLE

STATESVILLE, N. C.—I am praising God for full salvation and am expecting my Christ to do great things this year.

I began a meeting at North Wilkesboro, N. C. on the 13th day of Nov. It continued eight days, during which time one was baptized in water, two sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost.

We set a church in order with twelve members. A building committee was appointed and authorized to buy a lot for the purpose of erecting a church house. The plans discussed were to erect a building 30 x 40 ft. The people seem anxious for the Church of God to locate with them, after hearing the Church preached and having an understanding of its teachings. The colored people from Mt. Sinai Church of God came over one night and did some wonderful singing for us.

I am contemplating doing tent work this summer. I desire the prayers of God's people for success in the name of my Master, Jesus.

We have a live church here in Statesville, N. C. If anyone happens to pass thru this town and is spiritually hungry, stop over and get your soul fed. If any preacher has a red hot, sky-blue, grace seasoned, blood washed, Spirit filled message, stop and deliver it to us. We will eat it, drink it and digest it. May the Lord bless the Church of God with all her officers and members.—J. C. Farmer.

Surely the Lord Was Present

HARRISBURG, Ark.—I am praising God this morning for a ten weeks revival that just closed last Sunday night here at Bay Village, with Brother T. W. Wimberly, Overseer in charge, assisted by Brother W. H. Catron, our Pastor, and truly the Lord was present and did bless in each service. Our souls were made fat and rejoiced as we listened to the messages delivered by Brother Wimberly, it was the true Word of God.

Three were saved and sanctified, the saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues and prophecy went forth. Interpretations were given during this meeting which encouraged the saints very much to press on as never before. The meeting closed with feet washing and partaking of the Lord's Supper. Brother Wimberly is a worthy man and his service is truly worthwhile. He left the saints on fire for God and we expect to keep the fire burning, that Arkansas might be on fire for God, and that we may go up with a glad shout when Jesus comes. I feel if there ever was a time that the children of God need to pray, it is now. I have a great desire to get closer to the Lord, and also would like to know the interpretation of a dream I had some time ago. It stays right with me, and I believe there is something to it.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost, also a member of the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. I feel greatly encouraged to go all the way with Jesus, regardless of the cost. Pray for me that I may stay humble at the feet of Jesus and be ready when He comes or calls for me.—Map F. Levesque, Route 2, Box 52.

BUCKNER, Ill.—The dear Lord saved me from my sins, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Bless His dear name. He has healed my body according to James 5:13, 14. Pray for me that God will always keep me humble and faithful till He comes and that He will save our children. Their mother went home to be with Jesus Nov. 5, 1926. I miss her and her prayers. I am praying that God will send a Holy Ghost revival to Buckner.—S. R. Wetherspoon.

feet shall be as his master. Luke 6:40. "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord.—Pat Thompson, Mineral Wells, Texas.

MISSION FUND

NOT HARD TO KEEP GOING

The Assembly passed a ruling that each church make an effort to raise money for missions equal to the amount of 5% of tithes paid into the church, that is, if a church raises \$20.00 per month for tithes they are to raise one dollar in offerings for missions. If they raise one hundred dollars per month in tithes they would be required to raise in offerings \$5.00 for missions.

Each State Overseer is to appoint a treasurer in his respective state to take charge of one half of this mission money and the balance is to be sent to headquarters. The State Overseer should boost this since it creates a fund to be used in establishing missions in the state. I am sure that if this is looked after each month it will not be hard to keep going, as only a small collection given regularly each month will do it.—F. J. Lee.

SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND

THERE ARE MANY THINGS FOR WHICH WE SHOULD SEEK

F. J. Lee, General Overseer

Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find.

Last week we took up the phase of this subject from the standpoint of asking. We tried to show how important it is to ask of our Heavenly Father the things we need. Today we will take up the thought of seeking. Sometimes we find that in connection with asking it becomes necessary to seek for the things we need. Jesus says, "Seek, and ye shall find." He did not say you perhaps will find, but that you shall find. Isn't it wonderful to realize that the blessing is somewhere waiting for us, and that the Lord has told us how to get to it? First, we are to ask, then if we do not get to it we are to seek for it.

It appears that some people become discouraged after they have asked the Lord for something and did not get it at once, they become faint-hearted and almost lose their Christian experience then resort to the arm of flesh in every instance. Asa took a disease in his feet and did not seek the Lord, but the physicians and died. He on other occasions sought the Lord and gained deliverance in battles etc., but on this occasion he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. The result was—he died.

It means something to seek the Lord and get results. We should remember that half-hearted seeking will bring no good results. The Lord has promised that the day ye seek me with your whole heart I will be found of thee. Jesus gave the example of a woman seeking for a lost coin. He said "she sought diligently." In order to find the Lord in the things we desire we must seek diligently, we must leave nothing unturned. If there are any barriers between us and God we must move them. Let us remember that the only way that we can get in touch with Him is by coming with our whole heart.

It makes no difference what business you may undertake if you do not put your whole heart into it you will fail.

It isn't much trouble for that man or woman who has lived a whole-hearted surrender to God to approach Him in whole-hearted prayer.

Often men of the Bible were heard to say to the Lord "I seek thee with my whole heart."

Seeking Wholeheartedly

The Lord says at Jeremiah 29:13 "Ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Thousands can testify that when they came to the place that they felt

their entire helplessness then casting themselves wholeheartedly upon the Lord they realized His immediate help.

Peter, on the house top put his whole heart in his prayer, though it was noon and perhaps he was very hungry and would have eaten, yet he lost sight of food, friends and eulogies of the people in order that he might get to God with his whole heart.

"When Melancthan was seriously ill at Weimar in 1540, Luther audaciously stormed the heights of heaven, came back, took Philip's hand and thundered in his ear the words: 'Be of good comfort, Philip, you will not die! Our Lord God must hear me! I have pleaded all His promises on prayer in the Holy Scriptures that I could remember; so that He must hear me!' Melancthan awoke out of a deep swoon; began to breathe deeply and regularly; new life burst thru his veins; and he became well. He afterward said: 'I would have died had I not been snatched by Luther's coming and petition from death's grasp.'"

Why could Martin Luther gain such sweeping victory in behalf of Melancthan? It was because he became desperately anxious about him. It was because he put his whole heart into his pleading for him.

Let us remember that "the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." The Word does not tell us how much, but we learn that the arm of the Lord is not shortened neither is His power limited, but can do for us more than we can think or ask, therefore let us seek Him with our whole heart and receive of Him the things offered from His bountiful hand.

I knew a man once who prayed over every move that he made even when sending a letter through the mail, he asked God's blessing upon it, that it might have the desired effect. O that we could get more and more in the habit of praying or rather live in the atmosphere or spirit of prayer.

It is said that Benjamin Franklin was a man of prayer. It is stated that he prayed once as follows:

"From a cross neighbor, and a sullen wife,

A pointless needle and a broken knife, From suretyship, and from an empty purse,

A smoking chimney and a jolting horse; From a dull razor and an aching head, From a bad conscience and a buggy bed,

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REPORT OF WORK AT ETOWAH

ETOWAH, Tenn.—To the saints scattered abroad and the Evangel readers everywhere: I feel lead this morning to write a few lines in regard to the Church of God here at Etowah. In April, 1926 a church was set in order here with 35 members. At the close of a revival conducted by Brother Harry L. Whittington and others from the Bible School at Cleveland, Brother E. L. Moore took charge as pastor for the first five months till they had to return to Cleveland to be in Bible School again, as Sister Moore was one of the teachers. We all loved Brother Moore and his family and got along nicely. Then Brother Walker took charge of the work and has served us faithfully ever since.

Under his wise, efficient leadership the church bought a lot in a splendid location and erected a beautiful church building that is an honor to East Etowah. We had another revival last summer in which Brother Whittington did most of the preaching again. Many souls were blessed and some added to the Church.

We all love Brother Walker and his lovely wife and sisters. He brings us some wonderful messages from time to time by which our souls are refreshed and we often sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Praise His name! We have good prayer services both at the church and at the homes. Last Sunday night we had a wonderful service in which a visiting Baptist lady was sanctified and received the Holy Ghost. We have good crowds and we believe many others are getting interested in this good holiness way.

Brother Walker brings some of the Bible students with him every Sunday and we surely appreciate their coming. They are so much help to the Sunday School in the music and also in the preaching. May the Lord richly bless the Bible Students, also the teachers, is the prayer of your humble sister.—Mrs. I. S. Wishon.

The Lord has sent Brother Gordon Colson from Hiawatha, West Virginia to preach for us this week, which is the last week of 1927. We are having a wonderful time with the Lord. God is blessing in a special way. The service was grand last night. God came down in great power. The Holy Ghost took charge of the service, there was a message in tongues and interpretation. The saints shouted, talked in tongues and rejoiced in the love of Jesus. The message was, that Jesus is soon coming and for God's children to draw closer together in unity and love and to work for the saving of souls. A spirit of weeping came upon the saints burdened for lost souls. It is something to think about—so many thousands of souls going to that awful place of torment. Dear saints, let us work harder than ever and try to win some poor soul for Jesus. We have no time to lose, Jesus is soon coming. We can not all be preachers, but we may be able to speak a few words to some soul and tell them about our dear Savior and win them for Jesus.

Let 1928 be a real soul winning year. Let us work while it is day; when night cometh no man can work. If we have the light (Jesus) in our hearts, let us show it to others and lead them to this wonderful light (Jesus). Ever since I have been saved, which has been four years ago, I have always had a desire to speak to some soul and lead them to Jesus and I would go from house to house and tell people what God had done for me and that He would do the same for them. God has wonderfully blessed my home in the past year. My home is a home of peace, love and joy. Thank God. I just praise God for His wonderful love. If you have any troubles or sadness in your home, just take it all to Jesus in prayer. He will hear and answer prayer. He has done it for me and will do the same for others. I also want to praise our dear Savior for the great gift of the Holy Ghost and for the way He has been healing in our home. He has healed me many times also my children. I praise Him because He reveals His deep secrets to His children. Praise His precious name forever! It is wonderful to have this great salvation. All that read this, please pray for our church here that God will save many souls and make homes happy. Your humble sister in the Church of God.—Mrs. G. H. Markland.

into the kingdom since I attended the first annual camp meeting at Desloge, Mo., where I met Brother Payne and heard the soul stirring messages the Lord gave him there.—Mrs. Jane Rogers.

The World Neither Gives Nor Takes This Joy

MINE LA MOTTE, Mo.—I have just received my first Evangel and really enjoy reading the good reports from other places. I am glad to report victory this morning. I am glad that I have a peace and joy in my soul that the world can neither give nor take away. Praise our God forever! He is real, dear hearts, and always hears when we call on Him.

I have been healed many times. I have been in this way about three years, but at first I could not quite trust the Lord for healing. It seemed hard after having been brought up to take medicine for everything, but when I made up my mind to trust the Lord, live or die, sink or swim, it became easier. The Lord wants your whole heart or none. There is no use to just trust Him with our souls. To say we are trusting Him for something we can't do ourselves, is not trusting Him at all. He wants our whole heart, wants a chance to show His mighty power, bless His name! I feel His presence now. How I long for the day when all of God's children can be together and see that old serpent, the devil bound, and not have any evil present. Won't it be wonderful?

The Lord has been so good to me. My husband is not saved, but I am trusting that he will be saved before it is too late. Please pray that God will save him and fill him with the Holy Ghost too.

The Lord always heals me and my children. There is nothing too small or too great for our doctor to heal. A few days ago my little son seven years of age stuck a nail in his foot. I anointed him in the name of Jesus and He healed him. God healed my hands of eczema when Brother and Sister Sells of Cantwell, Mo., prayed for me, but I had to pay tithes before He would heal me. The Lord wants us to give Him the tenth of our income.

Pray for me that I may not falter and fall by the wayside. I have been more determined to press my way

Very Much Alive For Jesus

LEGO, W. Va.—Who said the Church at Lego was dead? No, indeed it is not dead, but very much alive for Jesus and His Church. Brother V. W. Blankenship held a four weeks meeting here in the month of November and God wonderfully blessed. The great power of God was manifested in a wonderful way. All the saints put their shoulders to the wheel and things moved very nicely by God's great power and love.

Six were saved, three sanctified, two received the blessed Holy Ghost and seven were added to the Church, also several more are expecting to come in when the pastor comes to fill his next appointment. The Church has been greatly revived by the meeting. We have had a little trouble here in time past, but our dear Father heard our cries and saw our tears and He answered by fire. Bless His name!

We are thanking God for our dear Pastor, Brother F. W. Rollins. He certainly is a shepherd indeed and feeds the flock. We have been beaten instead of fed, but the thing turned around and we are being fed. I heard a minister say that Jesus said to feed the flock and some one misunderstood and said he thought he said to beat the flock.

I want to state also that since the meeting closed, the saints did not go home and sit down, but we are all working together, having three meetings a week and at times souls come to the altar seeking God and the saints are on fire for God, shouting the victory.

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Everything seems to be progressing nicely. Good reports are coming in from the field.

The Bible School is taking on new life in its opening session, 1928. The students are well pleased with their School and their instructors. I think this is one of the best departments of the Church, where these precious boys and girls can come and learn how to rightly divide the Word of Truth. I wish I had \$50,000.00 to put into this great work.

We have noticed that some of the students as they reach this place, seem to be timid and backward, but as they advance in their study and in the knowledge of God's Word, they take on holy boldness and speak with power and victory. It stirs our hearts when we see them gaining in grace and in favor with God.

We long to see the day when all those who need this preparation will be able to attend the School. This School is not a place where they turn out preachers to go out and make a career and to please the world. It is only to instruct them and teach them how to understand God's Word and to apply themselves.

Those who will be disposed to criticize this good institution, certainly ought to be ashamed and lend a helping hand to better prepare our young people for future service. Brother Payne and Brother Walker are rendering valuable service as instructors. We earnestly request that all the Church pray that God will help them in this great undertaking.

The Lord Jesus wants you to watch, to toll, and to suffer with Him, "until the day break and the shadows flee away." Will you do this?—R.

"I HAVE LEARNED"

The Apostle Paul could well say, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Phil. 4:11). Have you reached this stage of your Christian experience? Have you passed through so many and varied experiences that you can say from the heart, "I have learned *** to be content?" There are some things that must be learned. It takes repeated efforts to have the lessons burned into the heart and life. Some lessons are much easier to be learned, and some are much more difficult. The Master who is teaching us is a very wise Master. He never repeats one lesson unless He really sees that it is needed for the best advancement of the scholar.

Paul undoubtedly had to have some lessons repeated. The lesson of being content is one of the most difficult to learn perfectly. Paul says, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." What a wonderful testimony of the Lord's grace and mercy. Can you say that, dear Christian? Have you too learned to be content in whatsoever state you are? When the way is rough and the billows tossing high, can you then say, "I have learned to be content?" This is possible. Through Christ Jesus we are made to say, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Do not forget this when things go contrary. To day all may be bright and clear. Tomorrow everything may be the reverse. The way may look dark and threatening. Tests and trials may come from sources least expected. Remember that God is still the same. He never changes. Practice contentment right then. Look to Him who is able to keep you calm and settled in the evil hour.

"I have learned." Have you learned to be content? Can you smile at reverses? Can you face disappointments without a tremor? Can you accept misunderstanding without a thought of blame? Are you calm and cool when

THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME

MARION, Va.—I can never thank the Lord enough for what He has done for me. I'm so glad that one day I found Him precious to my soul and today finds me still under the blood. I'm glad of His great healing power. I used to have asthma very badly. I would have it every week, two or three days and nights at a time and couldn't lie down at all. I had to sit up in a chair all the time until I sent Brother Rouse a handkerchief, but I haven't had but one spell since and that has been ten or eleven weeks ago. Praise the Lord, I don't feel like the same person.

I am serving a true and living God. One who will hear and answer prayer. I just want to stay true and humble before Him at all times and live a life pleasing to Him. I want to rise and shine for Jesus; deny myself and take up my cross and follow Him every day. I have the joy bells ringing in my soul. I am thankful that I found this good old holiness way that leads from earth to glory. This is the shouting kind of religion. I want all of you to pray for me that I will never have another spell of asthma and that I will be a bold soldier of the cross and be a soul winner for Jesus. I know He is coming soon for I see the signs of His appearing.—Bell Harrison.

Lord Blest In Revival

W. PALM BEACH, Fla.—I thank God today for being one of His elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

I am one saved by grace through faith, sanctified wholly and baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost. I thank God because I know I have an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for me. Our two weeks' meeting has just closed at this place (Nov. 20th) which has been a wonderful success. Some were saved, sanctified and two were filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, also two came into the Church and others seem to be looking this way. Pray for me that I may walk worthy of the vocation wherein I am called.—Titus Roll.

A Physician Who Never Fails

BUSHNELL, Fla.—Yes, I can truly say the Lord is my healer, because I have tried His medicine and have found it to give real satisfaction. I am not afraid to trust Him in any kind of sickness. I have just had a spell of fever and it looked like my time had sure enough come, but I told the Lord that I was going to put my trust in Him, not in man and if it was His will to take me I was ready to go home with Him, or if He wanted to leave me here I would tell the people how He could heal, so I am still here. I got so low while I was sick that I told wife good-bye. My feet got cold up to my knees; my breath got short and my lips got dry. Surely I was almost at death's door, when all at once about eleven o'clock one night the Lord gave me a real good dose of medicine, which made a change all at once and I told my folks to bring me a cup of milk and bread, so I am feeling real good now and am satisfied to take the Lord as my healer.—Your humble brother.—H. G. Smith, Box 635.

ENJOYED BROTHER LEMONS' VISIT

PULASKI, Va.—Brother M. S. Lemons when on his way to Baltimore, Maryland, stopped over with us for about ten or twelve days. It had been about five years since he had been with us and we have very often wished we could have him with us again. He made many friends here six years ago when he held a six weeks revival.

We had our tent pitched in the best part of town, so the opportunity came and we surely had a feast. The Lord surely did bless Brother Lemons' stay with us, though it was short. Large crowds packed the church and a weeping spirit fell on the people because Brother Lemons had to leave. Even the sinners hated to see him go.—Mrs. W. B. Davis.

things do not go to suit you? Is the glory of the Lord beaming from your face when you are misjudged and misrepresented?—Sel.

To those on the field: Work at this office is just a little dull now. Our Assembly minutes and Sunday School literature is off the press. This is your Publishing House and of course, we all belong to the Lord. Suppose you patronize your own industry; let us have your printing. We will do it as cheap as anybody, and it will be helping the worthy Cause we all love so well.

STARS INTO OBLIVION**Did You Ever See Stars Shoot And Disappear?**

F. J. Lee

The \$1.00 drive is moving along, some have sent in a portion of the amount collected, others are waiting until they get the full amount representing their membership.

Brother Zeno Tharp writes: "I think the \$1.00 proposition is just the thing and the more I think about it the better I like it, or maybe I had better say the more faith I have in it. We have not been able to do anything on it yet, but I am most sure we will have ours by the time you have set to get it. *** We are trying to stand by you in everything. May the Lord bless you."

Dear Brother Tharp: You do not know how grateful I feel for this last expression. Not many can realize the weight that we feel. It certainly makes us feel good to realize that the ministers are standing by us as we are all together trying to stand by the Lord's Cause.

Brother T. A. Richard writes: "I think you can depend on us over here at Harlan, but we may be a little show. Our folks have had a very heavy debt. I think we can be de-

pended upon for at least \$1.00 a head. I am going to do my best to have it ready by Easter or before. I think this a good plan and we can put it over the top."

I knew that we could count on Brother Richard, we have seen him tackle building churches and lifting debts before. These good letters lift me up and make me, like Paul, "Thank God and take courage."

I am sure that many churches are already in a financial strain, but believe, let us remember that the continued existence of the Church of God depends on taking care of these obligations thrust upon us. Satan would be pleased to see us go under and the publishing business and orphanage work cease, but we are looking to God to help His children rally to this very urgent need.

I am sure that every man, woman and child can raise one dollar by Easter Sunday by laying aside only a few cents each month.

I am sure that a little later the stars will begin to shoot into oblivion.

"LET US RALLY TO THE FRONT"

To all the readers of the Evangel, greetings:

The work is progressing nicely here. We have a good Sunday School. The young people's weekly Friday night meetings are fine. The old folks' meetings on Wednesday nights are also fine. We are coming along nicely with the \$1.00 per member proposition and expect to raise the entire amount before the year is out. We are also coming along nicely with the missions—have on hand over twice our pro rata for the first month and are coming right along on the second. I want to say a word to the Florida pastors: Do not wait till the year is out to begin your mission work, start in on time with some sort of systematic plan and keep right at it and it will be no trouble to pull Florida over the top this year. I will give you our system at this place:

1st. The pastor pays one half the five percent of the tithes paid into the Church treasury, then each Sunday School teacher takes an offering for missions each Sunday morning. In the report the class that gives the most for missions is called the Banner Class. They are asked to stand while the rest of the school cheers them. We are going to get a nice banner for them to carry in the march. I suggest that you try this in your church, it surely is a success here. We have raised 11% as much as the whole amount of the tithes.

Now dear pastors, there are many preachers and places that are in need of help. You may think half of the allotted amount (5%) too much for you, but you must remember we must help our brother in need. Come on and let us rally around the standard and make things count for the Church. She is out from under any bonds now and everybody should rally to the front and come to the next Assembly with the Church out of debt and Her membership greatly increased.—Yours for the Church.—J. B. Ellis, Wimauma, Fla.

A WORD TO THE ORPHANS

Dear orphan children, greetings in Jesus' name, from the Ensley Church. May God's richest blessings rest upon each one of you. We want you to know we love you and feel like you are our own dear children.

I was once left an orphan. I didn't have a home, but God, in His richest mercy, took care of me. I gave my life to Him when I was ten years old and I love Him today with all my heart. He gave me the blessed Holy Ghost over two years ago for which I surely do praise His dear name. I intend to do more for Him this next year than ever before, if He spares me to be here.

May you dear children give your hearts and lives while you are young and build your lives on a firm foundation. You will have many heartaches if you do, because the old devil is very deceitful and will drag down every one he can, but keep your eyes on Jesus. With best wishes, Mrs. P. U. Browning, clerk.

THE LORD IS WORKING IN FINDLAY, OHIO

Brother Paul Carpenter and wife, singing evangelists of the Akron Assembly, conducted a revival meeting at the Church of God on Prospect St., Findlay, Ohio, from December 7th to 25th, with good results. Twelve saved, six sanctified, eight received the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water and twelve added to the Church of God. Praise His name! The few members that held on to God for two years were well paid for their prayers.

The Church is now on fire for the Lord and expect to have many new members since the people learned they needed government and needed to be added to the Church of God.

Brother and Sister Carpenter certainly did a wonderful work for the Church and the Master. The congregation was entertained each evening by these talented young folks. They are out-going missionaries to India, and are capable of conducting services anywhere.—Eli Hackenberger, Clerk.

SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND

(Continued from page one)

A blow upon the elbow and the knee; From each of these, good Lord deliver me."

The Ministry of Prayer The Greatest

This may appear a little laughable, but it carries the thought that whatsoever we ask or seek of Him in the manner prescribed it shall be done for us.

Why not the thousands of Church of God members at the beginning of this year—1928 make a resolution that we are going to make this year a year of prayer. You could not enter a greater ministry. Sometimes people have an ambition to do great things for the Lord. Let me tell you here and now that the greatest field and avenue for doing great things for God is the avenue of prayer. Armies have been defeated; plagues removed, fire checked, storms abated, confusion settled, strife ended, murderers defeated, debts paid, the starving fed, all in answer to earnest, seeking prayer. Then why should not the Church of God enter this ministry at once, do not let too much of the year slip away but begin now.

Stop for a moment and meditate upon what is needed. Revivals need to break out in every church; discouraged, faint-hearted soldiers of the cross need to take on new life since the cloud is lifted. Prayer needs to be offered that other clouds shall not settle upon us. Some perhaps have not thought of this, but Satan will blow one over on us if we do not keep it beaten back with prayer. We need, not say in what way he will do it, but only insist that prayer is needed. Then O the great debt. God only can handle this, so let me insist that every true, blood-washed soul take this to Him in prayer. Remember the text, seek and ye shall find. Dear ones we must find some of these things.

When we were children together we would play hide and seek for the switch. When someone came close to the switch the one that hid it would say "hot" then when we would wander away they would say "cold." It is like seeking the Lord for special favors; when we are cold and indifferent we are far from the thing we desire, but when we become warmed up in fervency of prayer we are near the blessing. I am wondering if the Lord does not become amused at us sometimes when He sees how far we are from the things we think we desire, and speaks to our souls saying "cold, cold." Then when we are made to realize how far we are from the blessing we begin to stir ourselves up to prayer and little by little draw nearer to Him. We are made to realize that He is speaking to our souls, saying, "hot, hot." We then begin to realize that we are nearing the goal, then as we keep pressing our claim, it will not be long till we grasp the thing with a grip of faith. Then it is that we are made to realize that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Obedience Before Healing

JOHNSTON CITY, Ill.—I want to praise the Lord through the Evangel for the wonderful way He has blessed me, with a hope that it will help and bless some soul that is sick, and help them to look to the Lord for their healing. I had been afflicted for almost two years. We had prayed and had the saints to pray but it seemed as if we all had done all we knew to do, and all the while I grew worse; was not able to be up very much, and when I tried to go to church could not stay until it was dismissed. Would sometimes take bad at the church and have to be brought home. How disheartened we would get sometimes, for it seemed that the Lord would not hear our prayers, though the saints kept us encouraged. We thank the Lord for Brother Joplin, our pastor. He was faithful and ready to do his best to help us in our darkest hours.

We decided if I could go to the Assembly and have Brother Rouse to pray for me that I would be healed, but as the time drew nigh I was not able to be up and was worse than I had ever been. My mother and some of the neighbors thought I was dying, but thank the Lord He spared my life. We sent a letter to Brother Rouse, telling him to pray for me and Wednesday before we started to the Assembly on Sunday, I was able to be up. I started on Sunday, just being up a few days before I started on that long trip, but stood the trip fine; and had Brother Rouse to pray for me and God spoke to my heart that night and said "If I will heal you you will go in the Church of God." I had belonged, but left the Church, thinking I was doing right, but God knew I had an honest heart, so He sent this affliction on me to bring me back and when I said yes to God He healed me. I came home a different girl, well and am improving all the time. I am now a member of the Church of God and mean to do His will.—Miss Belva Graves.

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Brother J. B. Weeks advises that his address has been changed from that of Whigham, Georgia to Cairo, Georgia.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the members of the Church of God who were so kind to us at the death of our dear daughter and sister, Willie Lee, also for the beautiful flowers.—Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lee and family, Harriman, Tenn.

To the members of the Church of God at Tampa, Fla.:

There will be a special all day meeting for the purpose of revising the church book. If you are in reach of the church you are requested to be here on the 5th Sunday in January 1928 and answer to the roll call. If you are not in reach of the church you are requested to write us in time to reach here so that it can be read to the church the day mentioned above. Please do not fail to answer this request or we will have to drop you from the roll.—G. S. Scott, District pastor, J. N. Aldridge, Clerk, Tampa, Fla.

Brother Ed Johnson wishes to inform the public that his address has been changed to Route No. 1, Rocky Ford, Ga.

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HE IS LIGHT
IN DARKNESS

I am praising God for what He is to me. He has certainly blessed me since I have been in Bible School and I do thank Him because He prepared a way for me to come to this school. It is a wonderful place to be. You who haven't been here, don't know what the Church of God Bible School is. Words can hardly express the fellowship and love between the students. We have two good teachers, Brother Payne and Brother Walker. They are doing their best in teaching us and we surely do appreciate their kindness toward us.

God is in this work. I can feel His presence right now. We pray six times a day and then some besides. Sometimes the power falls so we can hardly quit shouting, and then sometimes we get somewhat discouraged but we look up to God in prayer and feel all right again. "The Lord is light in darkness."

We also have preaching service every Friday afternoon and we invite you to come and be with us. I'm sure it would be worth your time. When we sing we feel so good that we think we are in the next place to Heaven, and I believe it is. I wish everybody could be here, whether old or young; whether you are going to be a preacher or not. It is a good place to learn the Church of God doctrine and how you should live and act. We are looking for more students to be here next year. God will make a way where there is no way. He is Almighty and a helper on every hand.

I am glad that I didn't turn away when God called me. I accepted the blessing and my aim is to go on and be a soul winner for Jesus, for we see so many people out in sin and it is our duty to go and tell them about Jesus. Read St. Mark 28:19. I mean to do more for Jesus this year than I ever did before. I need your prayers that I may stay in the center of His will and that He may use me wherever He sees fit.—A student, Arthur Keller, Beulah, N. Dak.

Likes Bible School Because of God's Presence

I want to report that I have victory over sin and Satan. I have known the Lord in full salvation over two years and I am delighted in the way more and more each day. I find joy, peace and contentment in serving Jesus.

I was in Rodney, Ont., Canada the past summer. There wasn't any Church of God there so I visited some of the other churches. Some of the preachers and leaders spoke to me about going to a Bible School and preparing myself for the work of the Lord. One man wanted me to go to McMaster University of Toronto, Ont. I found out that they did not teach the Bible as I saw it; they taught that the

Scripture of Jonah and the whale was just a shadow, or parable, so I didn't go. I came to Cleveland and began to make arrangements to enter the Bible School, so I am here. Although I was one month late about getting started, I am here just the same and I am liking it fine. The Lord surely is blessing us in a wonderful way.

Jesus is a welcome guest in our midst. It is on the account of the presence of the Lord that we like the School so well. I can truly say that I am being benefited in a wonderful way. I mean to go and tell some souls about Jesus and point them to the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, and tell them that He can give them sweet rest within.

Before I close I want to extend my appreciation to my friends and fellow-students who are sacrificing that I might attend this term of school. May the richest blessings of God's grace be with each of you. I would like to correspond with some of the young Church of God girls and boys. Please pray for me.—Carl White, Dayton, Tenn.

Digging Into The
Treasures of
God's Wealth

I know the Lord hears and answers prayer for He has proved this to me many times, especially in providing a way for me to come to Bible school. I have longed to be here; cried and prayed to that effect and thank God. I am here enjoying it so much. I say it is great and this is what makes it so great, the great God is right here with us and my! my!! how He does bless our souls.

Yes the God of Heaven is here every morning to help and bless us. We always welcome Him in our midst. Some do not indorse the school. Many advised me not to come as I had been in His service for sometime already, but listen dear brethren and sisters, I have seen many things differently, learned some valuable things and I am expecting to learn much more. I would be glad to tell you about the school, but I am not able to command words to express the great work which this school is doing for young men and women who want to work for the Lord in His great vineyard. Their spirituality is not neglected in the least. Some have received the Holy Ghost already. It fills my soul with rapture to be here in the school room and see the boys and girls digging into the treasures of God's wealth and riches. Glory! Glory!!

I herewith send greetings to my brethren and sisters down in South Georgia. Lord bless you every one in our daily prayer. Remember John 5:39 says search the Scriptures, amen, and that is what His humble servant is doing.—J. L. Underwood.

We Honor the Lord,
He Is Our Leader

I praise the Lord because I know He loved me so well that He died on the cross that I might be saved. I can say, without a doubt, that I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I thank the Lord because I am in Bible School. I can only say what the rest have said, "It's good to be here." I don't know any place I had rather be than here. Sometimes the Lord sends us a good blessing and we miss one or two lessons, but we don't care, just so the Lord is with us.

Some people may not believe in the Bible School. I think if they would visit us they would see that we honor the Lord and He is our leader.

I guess some of my friends will be surprised to know I am in School. I am sure the Lord wanted me to come to prepare myself for some good work. I want to learn more about the Word of God so I will know what He wants me to do. I want to tell about Jesus and how He can save sinners.

Last Saturday night, Dec. 31, we had watch night service in the school room. Many promised the Lord to do more for Him, I did, for one. I want to live closer to God and be a bright shining light for Jesus. I want people to see my good works and glorify my Father which is in Heaven. Pray for me.—A student, Delzee Murray.

Two Marvelous
Healings

CARBON HILL, Ala.—Is performing of miracles a thing of the past? I say no, for right here in Carbon Hill miracles have been performed. There are two witnesses here yet living. One old lady had a large cancer on her nose, something like a large strawberry. Blood was dripping as she went about and she was a sinner. I asked her if she thought the Lord could heal her, she said she did not know, then I asked her if she cared for me sending a handkerchief to L. G. Rouse. She said she would be glad to get relief some way, so I sent Brother Rouse the handkerchief on Nov. 6th, 1925 and received it back in three weeks, then in one more week, which made four weeks there was no cancer there, no sore nor scar left, nor has it returned to this day. She had gotten a lick across her nose and it had been forming a cancer for 26 years.

Another dear old lady about 60 years of age had a cancer on her nose, which had eaten half her nose off and one of her eyes out. Doctors said she would live but a very few days, and to keep her room darkened, also as quiet as possible, but a handkerchief was sent to Brother Rouse for her healing also and when it returned she was healed completely. She is now in good health, doing her own house work and says she believes the Lord will give her eye back to her. This entire town will witness this statement as being true and the Lord put it on me till I could not sleep till I testified through the paper of it. There were lots of other cases similar to these mentioned which were just as miraculous as these were. Pray for me.—Lou Guthrie.

LORD BLESSING
AT LARGO, FLA.

LARGO, Fla.—I am praising the Lord today for salvation and for the privilege of being a member of the Church of God. I trust the Lord for the healing of my body. I have never taken any medicine in my life and I know that the Lord will continue to be my healer.

We had a wonderful revival here in August and many young people were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Since this revival we have been having a young people's meeting every Friday night. The dear Lord has certainly been blessing us.

Our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister P. W. Chesser have been helping a great deal by being our leaders and encouraging us. Sister Chesser has a subject or certain verses from the Bible for us to memorize for each Friday night. Each of the young people bring a dime, or more if they desire, for Mission money every week. This is proving a success, and we are expecting to be able to raise as much as five percent or more of the tithes for missions.

There are about twenty-five or thirty members in the young people's class, and most all have salvation. Pray for us that we may do the Lord's will at all times and be real workers for Him.

I am very much interested in the Bible Training School and expect to attend after I finish High School, which will be in another year. Several others are also intending to go within another year or two.—Bernice Meares.

REQUEST

Mrs. L. J. Potts, Red Bay, Ala. requests prayer for her sister who has been in an automobile wreck and was wounded. Pray also for her unsaved brothers and sisters.

DANCING

M. S. Lemons

"And Jephtha came to Mizpeh unto his house, and behold his daughter came to meet him with timbrels and with dance, and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter." Judges 11:34.

Dancing is the greatest homage of praise that can be rendered with the body to God. After Moses had brought the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage and they had crossed the Red Sea safely, Miriam took her timbrel, and all the ladies up on the bank of the river apart and had music and dancing. While the men were getting ready to go to war, the women were dancing the victorious dance.

Dancing is giving expression to a feeling of victory in the soul and a consciousness of the knowledge of the fact.

At 1 Sam. 18:6 when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistine the young virgins sang in the dance and said, Saul has killed his thousands, and David his tens of thousands. They danced and sang. It was truly victory.

At Psalm 30:11 David gives full vent to the expression of his heart, filling his words with ecstatic wisdom. "Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing, thou hast put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness; to the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent." Many who never dance, have never been free.

At Psalm 149:2-4 he says let Israel rejoice in Him that made him; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King; let them praise him in the dance; let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. David continues his ecstatic eloquence in the 150th Psalm and the 4th verse and says, Praise him with the timbrel and the dance, praise him with the stringed instruments and organs. It is easy to be seen that if it is wrong to praise him in the dance, it would be equally wrong to praise Him with the stringed instruments and the organs.

At Lamentations 5:15 the prophet regrets the fact that their deplorable condition is so certain that the joy of heart has ceased, and their dancing has turned into mourning.

At the 15th chapter of Luke, Jesus gives a more perfect description of the cause and effect, that the prodigal had lost his former experience, and had suffered untold agony and sorrows. His once happy days were all lost. No hope of anything now but servitude, a long, vacant, lost life; but on his return things were so different, and his old hungry soul was so completely and overwhelmingly satisfied, that at first he had to dance a little. And since it had been such a common thing among happy victorious people of long ago, he could not see where it could be amiss, if he did dance a little, so he just cut a few steps anyway, and Jesus does not offer a single rebuke to it.

At 2 Sam. 6:14 David tells us after having made an effort to bring up the Ark of the covenant and making such a sad failure in the attempt, that at the time when he was successful and landed her safely in its prepared place, that he was so elated that he just simply danced before the Lord—its real meaning is victory.

At Eccl. 3:4 The wise man says there is a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. It is most assured that we all do these things when the time comes. The time for some of us to dance has not arrived. If so, we may have forfeited our rights.

At Judges 21, we are told a very strange story. The children of Benjamin had committed a very heinous crime. The narrative of which, is perfectly descriptive, all Israel was arrayed in battle against Benjamin. He only lost eighteen thousand men in this great siege, Israel lost twenty thousand, however most all of his men who had families were killed in battle, and Israel was so wrought up over the cruelty of Benjamin's sin, that they swore vengeance against him, and would not allow their daughters to marry into his family anymore, and their advice to Benjamin was, that their young men should go to Shiloh, and hide in the hedges, and at eventide when the daughters came out to dance, that each one should catch one of his own choice to be his wife instead.

Therefore it was time to dance, and also a time to be caught away. Evidently Jesus will catch away at His coming those who have victory enough to dance the victorious dance.

Rather Have Salvation
Than Riches

WALHALLA, S. C.—I praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. And He did more than that for me; He added me to the great Church of God which I love with my whole heart. I surely thank God for His healing power. He has healed me many times. I love to trust the Lord.

Pray for me that I might go deeper and do something for my Lord. Pray for my lost family to come into the fold before it is too late. I had rather see them saved than to see them with all the riches of this world. May God bless every one.—Mary Morgan.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

December 1st to January 1st

From Mrs. Era White, Argyle, Ga. 2 dresses, four pairs bloomers. From Mrs. S. Scales, Brownsville, Tennessee 3 pairs baby shoes, 2 caps, 1 pr. socks, 1 pr. pants, 2 spools thread, 1 pr. bloomers, 1 pillow case. From E. Williams, Monroe, La. 1 quilt. From M. E. Church, Monroe, La., 1 quilt. From Church of God McMinnville, Tennessee 1 quilt. Sanitary Bakery, Cleveland, Cleveland, Tennessee, 9 loaves bread, 1 box buns; 8 yds. outing, no address. From J. W. Tanner, Seaford, Delaware, 1 pr. shoes, 2 boys' coats, 1 middle, 1 slip. From Mrs. Ira Rice, Canton, Ohio, 4 shirts, 3 waists, 2 prs. shoes, 3 prs. hose, 1 pr. gloves, 2 belts, 3 ties, 6 ribbons, 2 caps, 2 scarfs, 4 boys' coats, 2 vests, 1 small suit, 3 blouses, 16 dresses, 3 skirts. From Mrs. Carrie Kalb of Penna. 4 hats, 27 prs. host, 2 slips, 1 pr. baby shoes, 2 sweaters, 1 cap, 2 coats, 1 vest, 2 yds. outing, 5 yds. gingham, 3 blouses, 1 middle, 9 little dresses, 3 pencils, 3 spools thread, 5 hdkfs. From Church of God S. S. Lindale, Ga., 40 prs. hose, 2 boys' ties, 11 hdkfs. From J. R. Holder, Lindale, Ga. 4 cans vegetables, 25c worth sugar, 1 glass jelly, 2 dresses, 1 apron, 3 bars soap, 2 1/2 yds. cloth, 1 pr. (worn) slippers. From Mrs. Britton Day, Filbert, W. Va., 4 lb. bucket lark, 6 lbs. of sugar, 1 lb. of rice, 1 can of salmon, 3 cans of potatoes, 6 bars soap, 11 lbs. dried fruit, 2 lb. can of peaches, half gal. blackberries, 5 boxes lemon snaps, 1 small jar of preserves, 1 gal. bucket of candy. From Lola Hood, Canadian, Texas 4 prs. shoes, 1 blouse, 1 skirt, 3 small dresses, 1 cap. From Mrs. C. B. Stringer, Desloge, Mo. 4 yds. outing, 5 yds. gingham, 5 yds. percale. From Miss Elizabeth Nance 1 sheet, Sophie Tucker 2 1/2 yds. gingham, Rosie Ennor 4 yds. gingham. Lennie and Elizabeth Weible 2 towels, 2 prs. stockings, 5 1/2 yds. percale. Rubin Forchee, 2 yds. gingham. Mrs. Prather 5 1/2 yds. domestic. Mrs. Pleasant 4 yds. gingham, Sarah Griford 1 small dress. Miss A. Love, Atlanta, Ga., 1 pr. shoes, 1 kimona, 2 dresses, 4 dolls, 2 hdkfs., 5 caps, 1 card buttons, 1 comb, 6 oranges, 3 prs. elastic, 1 small box of 3 prs. elastic, 1 small package of candy, 1 boys' suit, 1 small box of candy, 1 small package of figs and raisins, 2 shirts, 4 small toys, 1 pencil, 1 picture. From Miss Beulah Stewart, Pulaski, Va. 1 hat, 1 coat, 1 toy Santa. From Miss Mary Goughnor, Canton, Ohio, 1 little toy set of tea-dishes. From Stivers Milling Co. half barrel of flour. From Cleveland Milling Co. half barrel of flour. From Chas. Mayfield, Cleveland, Cleveland, Tenn. nice box of fruit cakes, 12 loaves bread, 1 box buns, 2 pies. From J. B. Collette, Talbot, Tenn. 1 large box of stick candy. From Marks, Miss. church 4 new dresses, 1 (worn) dress, 1 pr. bloomers, 1 princess slp. From—Martha Combs, Laurel, Mont. 2 quilt tops, 24 towels, 8 hdkfs., 2 aprons, 12 1/2 yds. gingham, 3 yds. percale. From Mrs. P. W. Browning, Nybon, Ala. 12 yds. gingham, 1 dress pattern, 2 girls' dresses, 3 yds. prints, 5 yds. outing, 7 prs. hose, 1 apron, 2 towels, 4 hdkfs., 2 doz. buttons, 2 cards balm, 1 pr. bloomers. From, No name, 2 dresses, 2 prs. pants, 1 shirt, 3 yds. cloth. From Callie Ataway, Augusta, Ga. 1 quilt.

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STRONG BUT GOD
IS BLESSING

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HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?

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Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3:5. Nicodemus did not know what the Lord meant and he was a ruler in Israel, and there are hundreds of church members today who do not know what it means, but inasmuch as it is necessary for a man to be born again of the water and of the Spirit or he cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven, it should make everyone of us anxious to know what it really means, for none of us want to miss the kingdom.

God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind; and it was so. AND GOD SAID, LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS: And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Gen. 1:25, 26.

The hog wallows in the mud and roots in the ground because it is his nature; the cow eats grass and washes herself and combs her hair with her tongue because it is her nature; the squirrel eats nuts because it is his nature; the ducks and geese swim because it is their nature. You do not have to teach them to swim, it is their nature. Everything after his kind. But man, it is different with him. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Gen. 1:27. Therefore if man was created in the image of God it was his nature to do good and not evil, he wouldn't have to learn to do good, but would do so because it was his nature. So will a child of God do good if they are born again, or regenerated, or recreated in the image and likeness of God? It will be natural for them to do good as it is for a duck to swim. We find that Adam and Eve were created in the image and likeness of God before they received the blessing from God. If you are born again of God you will do righteousness before you receive the blessing from God or are sanctified. I mean to prove to you that when Adam and Eve received the blessing from God they were SANCTIFIED and not before. All right, let the Bible interpret itself. And God blessed the seventh day and SANCTIFIED it. Gen. 2:3. When God blessed the seventh day He set it apart from the other days. When God blessed Adam and Eve He set them apart and gave them dominion over the whole earth. They would not have to build a fence to keep an animal in a certain place, they could tell the animal to stay in a certain place and it would stay there, because they had authority. But we find after Noah came out of the ark God put enmity between the human race and the animal kingdom. In the ark Noah did not have to have a cage to keep the lion in to keep him from killing the other animals. Now while we are talking about Noah there is just a few things we want to bring out. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the THOUGHTS of his heart was EVIL CONTINUALLY. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth. Gen. 6:5, 6. God said He would destroy everything from off the face of the earth, but there was one man and his family that found favor with God, and we want to find what kind of a man he was. He was a just man, PERFECT in his generation, and he walked with God. We can see Noah was a good man and righteous, and when God told him He was going to send a flood and destroy the earth, he believed God, regardless of what the big D. D.'s and highly educated of his day had to say. He went straight ahead and built the ARK just exactly as God commanded him to do. He "obeyed" God.

After Noah proved himself to God, delivering himself and the animal kingdom out of the flood, we find God did the same for Noah and his family, so did He for Adam and Eve. And God BLESSED Noah and his sons, and again we hear him say to them, Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your seed (Christ) after you. Gen. 9:1-9. But let us go back to Adam and Eve. God gave them commandments that they should not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil which was in the center of the garden, neither touch it, lest they should die. But when the devil came along with his smooth, cunning lie, man disobeyed God and believed the devil, and not only lost his blessing or sanctification, but also lost his inheritance and was put out of the garden of Eden to till the ground. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed (the devil) and her seed (Christ). It (Christ) shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.—Gen. 3:15.

We see there is enmity between the devil and the human race and that is why he (devil) puts sickness and disease on the people. Sickness and sorrow and death are all the works of the devil, but our redemption from all these lie in her seed (Christ). We see God made a promise to Eve when the curse was put upon the human race. God created the first Adam in His own image and likeness, and

blessed or sanctified him and he failed. So when the time for the second Adam to come on the scene, and the time of the promise drew nigh, God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin named Mary. And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the SON OF GOD. Luke 1:35. We find the angel sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." And the child grew and waxed strong in the spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him. His nature was to obey God from an infant. He always obeyed and honored the Father, did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth; surely no one would doubt that He was not sanctified. God honored Him as His Son when He went down into the Jordan and was baptized by John the Baptist and a voice came from Heaven and proclaimed it to the whole world. The Holy Ghost in the bodily shape of a dove came upon Him. He was born of God, sanctified. I sanctify myself that they also may be sanctified, not only the disciples, but all who believe through the words of the disciples. And God put His Spirit in Jesus. And this is the inheritance to which you are entitled through faith in Him. Man lost his estate and his blessing through unbelief, and is it not the most natural thing that he should go back into the inheritance and blessing the same way he came out? For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:15, 16. The first Adam lost everlasting life and plunged himself and the whole human race into death when he ate of the forbidden fruit and the only way we can ever get back into favor with God and inherit eternal life is through faith in Jesus. And all who believe on Him are given power to become the sons of God. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirits, that we are the CHILDREN OF GOD: And if children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified together. Rom. 8:16, 17.

We must be born again and here is what is required: WHOSOEVER believeth that Jesus is the Christ is BORN OF GOD. 2d John 5:1, 2.

And again, we see the result for: WHOSOEVER, is BORN OF GOD doth not commit sin. 1 John 3:9. The fellow who says, "I know Him," and keeps not His commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in him. So also is the fellow who says he is saved and remains in his sin, neither is he born of God. For if a man is born of God he keepeth unspotted from the world whether he has received the BLESSING or not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. BUT AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, to them gave He POWER to become the SONS OF GOD, even to them that BELIEVED ON HIS NAME, which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 3:11, 13.

God created man a little lower than the angels, set him over the work of His hands, giving him dominion over all the earth, but the devil through persuading them to believe a lie, caused man to lose his estate and his blessing, and he still keeps the human race in bondage unto this day.

We no more receive the blessing, nor sanctification like unto Adam and Noah, but our blessing comes in the likeness that Abraham received his. Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee; And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will BLESS thee, and make thy name GREAT; and thou shalt be a BLESSING: And I will bless him that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: And in thee SHALL ALL FAMILIES OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED. Gen. 12:1-3. Abraham receiving God's BLESSING depended upon his obedience to God, and it was several years afterward that Abraham received his blessing. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine; and he was the PRIEST of the MOST HIGH GOD. And he BLESSED HIM, and said, Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of Heaven and earth: Gen. 14:19. For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by Himself, saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying, I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently ENDURED, HE OBTAINED THE PROMISE. Heb. 6:13-15. The promise to Abraham was, in thy seed (Christ) shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And yet he was old, so was his wife and they had no children. But these natural things did not keep Abraham out, for He was standing on God's Word, regardless of natural things or outward appearance, God told him if he would get out from among his kindred, He would bless him, and that in his seed would all the families of the earth be blessed. He had obeyed and had received the BLESSING thru

the PRIEST OF THE MOST HIGH GOD, but he was still without an heir. But in the course of time God did fulfill His promise to Abraham and gave him an heir, Isaac, who was an heir also to the same promise, that of his seed should come this Christ who would bless all the families of the earth. In Isaac shall thy seed be called. And Isaac had two sons, Esau and Jacob. Esau being the oldest was entitled to the inheritance, but listen, lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his BIRTHRIGHT. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the BLESSING he was REJECTED: for he found no place of repentance though he sought it carefully with tears. Heb. 12:16, 17. (You must be born again or you cannot inherit the blessing). Esau could not receive the BLESSING because he was like many today—he did not think that birthright amounted to much anyway, so he sold it for a mess of red pottage. Now we know that all these having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise (Holy Ghost): God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. Heb. 11:39, 40. Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you. Searching what, or what manner of time the SPIRIT OF CHRIST which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the Gospel unto you with the HOLY GHOST sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. 1 Pet. 1:10-12. Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness, know ye therefore that they which are of FAITH the same are the CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith; preached before the Gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed, so then they which be of faith are blessed (sanctified) with faithful Abraham. Gal. 3:7-9. As Abraham believed God and it was accounted unto him for righteousness, so also with us, if we believe God it is accounted unto us for righteousness, when we believe on His Son, and we also inherit the blessing that came to Abraham through faith.

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." If you are a child of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and have gotten out from among your kindred into the land the Lord has shown you and received the blessing, then you are entitled to the promise. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Gal. 3:14. You cannot receive the blessing unless you have the birthright; been born again, and if you have been born again you are entitled to the blessing and also to the promise of the Father which is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. For it is written, he giveth the Holy Ghost unto those that obey Him.

Take the disciples, they believed on Jesus, had done what He commanded them, followed Him and stuck by Him up until Judas betrayed Him and they even followed Him to Calvary. They were sons of God because they believed He was the very Christ. Flesh and blood had not revealed it to them, but our Father in Heaven. Their names had been written in Heaven and remember this: It was after the resurrection and after the time Jesus had declared "all power is given unto me both in heaven and in earth" and just before He ascended to the Father that he led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and BLESSED them. And it came to pass, while he blessed (sanctified) them, He was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven. Luke 24:50, 51. They received their Blessing like unto Abraham. Melchizedek, who was a type of Jesus, blessed Abraham and Jesus who is a Priest after the order of Melchizedek, blessed them after He had received all power in Heaven and in earth. No wonder they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, Jesus had opened their understanding to understand the Scripture and had sanctified them through faith and He had given them a command not to leave Jerusalem until they received the PROMISE OF THE FATHER which, saith he, You have heard of me, the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And that is what is the matter with the Church today—they have not waited for the promise of the Father, but have run off without it and they will make a failure just like the first Adam did. For, had the first Adam been able to overcome, after being made in the image and likeness of God and also receiving His blessing, God would not have made the promise to Eve, thy seed shall bruise his head. And that is why God said "I will put my spirit in thee, and they shall be my people and I will be their God." When God sent the second Adam, which was Jesus, into the world He put His Spirit in Him to make Him able to overcome the devil, and that is why you need His Spirit in you today. Do not let the devil keep you out of your inheritance any longer. You can be born again thru faith in Jesus Christ, and if you have faith in Him and do what He has

The Savior's Love

The Savior's love,
It means so much to me;
I'm sure it reaches down from above
And will set each captive free.

He is our Savior, friend and guide,
Our healer and our all in all;
He saves the lost, so they abide
Where'er they heed the call.

Each word of God is true
And He bids you freely come;
In love and sympathy He prayed for you,
Yes, that His children might all be one.

Christ is indeed the Son of God
With Power to cleanse us from all sin;
Now to some this may sound odd,
But it takes it all that we may win.

He promised all the Holy Ghost
Who would His Word obey;
Yes, for the million, million host,
If they will only accept His way.

You may feel the call today
For His mercy is revealed;
Don't turn the loving Spirit away
Who will your sinsick soul heal.

Rough and rugged was the cross
Still He bled and died for you and me
If we refuse, it is our loss,
Oh! that everyone could see.

Christ's love indeed can't be compared
With any other thing,
Nor can the peace, joy and care,
The Savior's love doth bring.

How glad we are to be a child,
Yes a child of this wonderful King.
That we, the lost have been redeemed
And will forever with Him reign.

Of course, the Savior died for all
So we might have this hope within;
He built His Church, it is not small
She's covering the world from end to end.

God's dear Son, He paid the price,
He shed His blood that we might be free;
And gain a mansion in the skies,
A place prepared for you and me.

Oh! just stop and think one time
What all of this means,
To one who refuses to incline
Be saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost receive.

Do look up and believe the Word
Which will all the blessings bring;
He is our Savior and our Lord,
We will crown Him Lord and King.
Mrs. W. R. S.

GOD IS GOING TO ANSWER PRAYER

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—I am truly glad I can trust Jesus for my healing. I want to praise the dear Lord for His present help in time of need. I was suffering terribly with stomach trouble and it seemed that I couldn't stand it much longer. I laid the Evangel on my body in Jesus' name and asked Him to rebuke the pain. Praise the Lord, He gave me ease.

My baby was sick. The enemy surely was trying me, but I just turned it over in God's hands and said, "Lord you have all power. Thy will be done, not mine." The baby got all right in just a minute or two. How sweet it is to trust in Jesus. I mean to press on and I want my light to shine for the glory of God. I want all who know the worth of prayer to pray for my unconverted husband and other loved ones. I believe the Lord is going to answer prayer. Pray that I will ever stay in Jesus' footsteps. I have the sweet Comforter abiding in my soul and am a member of the great Church of God.—Mrs. Dollie Stallings.

HE IS ABLE TO DELIVER

FT. MEADE, Fla.—I thank the Lord for saving me from my many sins, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I am determined to go with the Lord.

I praise the Lord for His healing power. About July 27th we were called to the room of a sick child, not by a human call but God sent us there. When we entered the room, the child was very sick. The doctor had given him up and said there was no cure for him, but we knew our God, whom we serve, was able to deliver and raise up. The father said the baby had not moved in about eight days, but when we began to pray, it began to move. We prayed on until the baby turned over and went to sleep. He slept all night.

There are only four saints here standing for the Church of God, but praise the Lord, we stand four square. We ask all who read this to pray that we will stay in the center of the Lord's will and be found doing what He would have us do.—Jessie Lee Rogers.

commanded you, the blessing of Abraham will come upon you, and you are an heir to the promise of His Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ. For Peter said the promise is unto you and your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Choose this day.

Having Good Services

CROCKETT, Tex.—I want to report victory in Jesus' name. We are expecting great things of God in the near future. The Lord is blessing in this district, we have had some real good services at some of the churches which I have visited. I have not gotten to visit all the saints as I would have liked on account of bad weather, but as soon as I can, I want to have a meeting at all the places. Pray for me, I need your prayers that I may obey God.—S. W. Hamilton.

Healed of Tuberculosis

TAMPA, Fla.—This evening finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. How I praise God for His goodness and mercy to me. I praise Him because He looked down and saw me when I was a sinner, hungering and thirsting for the living water. I praise Him for keeping me up to this present hour. Truly I find that just when I need Him, He is near.

God has given me grace to trust Him for the healing of my body when I get sick. He has just healed me of tuberculosis, for which I praise Him everywhere I go. The enemy tries to contend that I am not healed, but I can refer him back to the very place where Jesus so sweetly healed me.

I was sick about eighteen months and during that time, in the long dark hours of the night, the enemy would sit on my pillow and argue, when I would cough so hard, "You never will be healed anyway, so you might as well take something to relieve your suffering." But the sweet Holy Ghost would encourage me to hold on to God. Jesus would relieve me and I could rest. I had one hemorrhage with my lungs in July 1926 and the Lord stopped the blood, but I coughed until it seemed that my right lung was gone. In July 1927 I had another hemorrhage and Jesus so sweetly healed me. He just touched my lungs with His mighty healing power and I knew the work was done.

I ask all the saints who know the worth of prayer to pray for me that I might do the Master's will at all times and be ready to go when He comes or calls for me. I have four little boys and I am asking God for a special anointing that I might be able to rear them for Him. He has done so much for me. My husband has the Holy Ghost and we belong to the Church of God. Husband has been a great help to me in holding on to God for my healing.—Mrs. John E. Conatser, 3301—25th Ave.

I truly praise God for His healing power. When He saved us it just came natural for us to clean up and trust Him for our healing. He has healed me so many times. We have three precious little boys that do not know what medicine is. The oldest one is into his eighth year, and it is wonderful what God will do for us if we will just let Him.

Had All-Day Service —Dinner Served

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Fla.—I want to praise God tonight because about eight years ago He showed me my condition, just how I looked to Him, and I am glad that I did not turn Him away like many are doing today. I want to say it is through Him that I find all I need.

I also want to praise the Lord for yesterday, which was Christmas day. We had all day services and dinner at the church. Our State Overseer, Brother Self and wife were with us part of the day and he delivered one of the most wonderful sermons in the forenoon. His text was "And it came to pass." Dinner was served, then we gathered back in the little mission and had music by the string band. After this we had praise service also a Christmas program which was enjoyed by all, and Brother Willie Sanders brought us a real good sermon that night which was surely an uplift to everyone. Thank the Good Lord. I am so glad I am in this way and it is here I mean to stay until He calls me away to live with Him in that eternal day.—Mrs. Martha Medlin, Sulphur Springs, Fla.

I praise the Lord for His healing power. About July 27th we were called to the room of a sick child, not by a human call but God sent us there. When we entered the room, the child was very sick. The doctor had given him up and said there was no cure for him, but we knew our God, whom we serve, was able to deliver and raise up. The father said the baby had not moved in about eight days, but when we began to pray, it began to move. We prayed on until the baby turned over and went to sleep. He slept all night.

Eternal Life The Best Gift

CLARKSBURG, W. Va.—I sent in eight subscriptions for the Church of God Evangel as a little Christmas effort for the paper we love so well. The Evangel would be a precious gift in any home and a blessing. The birth of Jesus is referred to as Christmas, and it is a time when we purchase gifts. Beloved one of the best gifts we can purchase is eternal life. Rom. 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life thru Jesus Christ our Lord." We purchase it from God.

Beloved, this Jesus the Savior of the world, purchased a glorious gift, even a bride, the Church of God. Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood." Thank God for the Word of God which is our guide and a lamp unto our feet.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and

STRENGTH

Strength for today, brother, strength for today,
Strength to be holy, to walk the narrow way;
Strength for keeping our robes undefiled,
Strength to be humble, dependant as a child.

Strength in temptation to turn from the snare,
Strength to be constant and earnest in prayer;
Strength to press onward to perfection's great goal,
Strength to keep loving and sweet in our soul.

Strength for the crosses that we must bear,
Strength for the burdens of others to share;
Strength to honor the Christ, our King,
Strength to live daily His praises to bring.

Strength for today, brother, strength for today,
Strength to tell others of this great way;
Strength to tell sinners that Jesus has died,
That they can be wholly sanctified.
S. A. Keller, Knoxville, Tenn.

gave himself for it: That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:25-27.

Thank God, people in Clarksburg see and realize the importance of this purchased church and are being joined into it, (or being washed of water by the Word) obeying the Word; souls are being blessed here. Brother Bun E. Hicks is pastoring at present. We have Brother E. C. Clark for a few days. We were profited very much by having our state overseer, Brother T. L. McLain of Cleveland, Tenn., with us a few days. We are looking for God to do great things in this district. Pray for us.—One who is interested in the Cause.—Carl G. Carder.

HAS A MIND TO PRESS ON

DELTA, Ala.—I truly thank the Lord for the privilege of sending in my testimony to the Evangel once more. I am glad to report that I am still sweetly saved and the Holy Ghost abides just now. Glory to God! I am greatly encouraged and have a mind to press on. We thank the Lord for sending Brother R. B. Page, from Wilmington, Delaware to be with us. He came with us from the Assembly. He preached two nights which was enjoyed by all. The Lord truly blest Him in giving out the Word. Many were made to rejoice. We hope he may come again.

Also we thank the Lord for Brother W. G. Garrett, who is a faithful worker in the vineyard of the Lord. We hold services once a month in Heard County, Georgia in the home of the Baptist people. The Lord surely blesses Brother Garrett in giving out the Word. Many people are looking this way. Some who were sick came for prayer and the Lord wonderfully blessed. We are expecting great things ahead. Pray for us that the Lord will keep us humble and prayerful. We are very few in number, but we are determined to lift up Jesus. Yours in Christ.—Georgia Tremble, Route No. 1.

ON FIRE IN SPITE OF OPPOSITION

LAFOLETTE, Tenn.—I want to let all the dear saints know that LaFollette is still on fire for God over all the opposition that we have had. We have just closed a three weeks meeting. Brother Bryant and Brother L. E. Jones were in charge.

Much good was done. Seven were saved, one sanctified and the saints greatly revived. We bought a lot and have built a house to worship in. We have a wonderful Sunday School and are thanking the Lord for it all. He has been in everything we have undertaken for Him. The enemy is raging, but the Lord is still blessing and I feel this morning like going on for I believe victory is sure if we will hold on to the Lord. When we started our revival, the Mountain Assembly started a meeting in opposition to the Church of God, but the Lord blessed any way. If any Church of God people want to come this way, they will be taken care of.—Mrs. L. E. Jones, clerk.

INDIANOLA, Miss.—I want to sound a note of praise to the dear Savior through the columns of the Evangel which I love so well. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost as recorded in Acts 2:4. We had a real old time meeting here a week before Christmas. Brother S. S. Monroe from Lexa, Ark. did the preaching. We all surely did enjoy it. I am praising God for His healing power. He healed me of a gottle on my throat. I give God all the glory. Pray for us.—Rosa Lee Mitchell.